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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Andrew VAILLANT et al.
Serial number: 10/661,099
Filing date: September 12, 2003
For: ANTIVIRAL OLIGONUCLEOTIDES TARGETING HIV
Art Unit: 1648
Examiner: Louise Z. WANG
Agent: Cawthorn, Christian

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the USPTO/Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action of August 24, 2005 is being filed concurrently with this Request for Extension of Time.

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005:

[X] One-month to and including October 24, 2005; the extension fee is \$60.00.

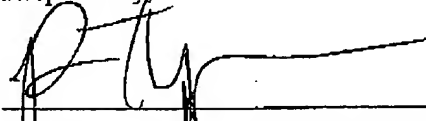
[X] Charge \$60.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully,

Date: October 24, 2005

By:


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